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For : METHODS OF TREATING SICKLE CELL DISEASE

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A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.

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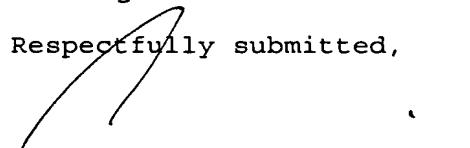
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO
DECEMBER 20, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to a December 20, 2004 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 20, 2004 Office Action was due March 20, 2005. However, since March 20, 2005 is a Sunday, a response on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, i.e. Monday, March 21, 2005, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows: